

NATURAL NEWS



The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

WEEKLY STAFF NEWSLETTER
October 17, 1997

*What is the Museum Campus?
What will it look like?
What will happen when it is finished?
How are the Museums working together?*

THE MUSEUM CAMPUS

Presentations by:

Christy MacLear, Museum Campus Coordinator
Marge Marek, Laura Gates, Fay Levin, Jim Croft, Deb Fassnacht -- Museum Campus Team
Representatives from The Chicago Park District
Michael Stirk, Project Manager for CDOT

All Staff and Volunteers invited!

Please feel free to come to any one of the following presentations:

At the Adler:
Friday, October 17
12 noon
Staff Lounge

At the Field:
Tuesday, October 21
12 noon
Classroom 3

At the Shedd:
Friday, October 24
12 noon
Soundings

Thank you to **Nina Cummings** for providing the enclosed drawing of the new Campus (FM Neg #GN88453).

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

NEW WEB SITE -- CHECK IT OUT!

The redesigned Field Museum web site is now on-line at <<http://www.fmnh.org>>. Our new site was constructed with input from all departments to serve our many audiences -- including the public, students and teachers, and the scientific community. The site includes information to

help plan a first or return visit to the Museum (including floor plans to help visitors orient themselves beforehand). It provides detailed information for teachers to help them schedule a school visit to the museum, and information to help their students get the most out of their time with us. The site also provides in-depth information on our research programs and collections. And of course, it includes the latest information on **Sue!**

Our new web site builds on the award-winning site first designed by **Steve Borysewicz** and **Mary Rasmussen** (UIC Biomedical Visualization Laboratory), which primarily featured an on-line version of our **Life Over Time** exhibit. Our new site was developed through the team effort of **Lori Breslauer** (Academic Affairs), **Brad Loetel** (Academic Affairs) and **David Quednau** (Design), with special assistance from **Rob Vosper** (Publications) and **Robin Wagner** (Education). Take a look at the site, and get back to Lori (x627, breslau@fmppr.fmnh.org) with any corrections, comments and suggestions. We have lots of exciting additions planned for the weeks and months ahead, including more information on our stores, picture-filled stories on our research programs, and of course, more on **Sue!**

NEW GUINEA RESEARCH PROGRAM (NGRP) NEWS

Chantal Knowles, a researcher from the Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford, is visiting the Anthropology Department for six weeks to study 300 objects from A.B. Lewis' Pacific collection. This is part of a two year project focusing on the impact of the colonial encounter on material culture in southwest New Britain. The project will compare three museum collections made in the region with data from recent anthropological and archaeological fieldwork.

ALAKA WALI NAMED NUVEEN CURATOR

Associate Curator **Alaka Wali** (Anthropology) has been awarded the John Nuveen Curatorship, a position she will hold for the next eight years. The \$250,000 award from the John Nuveen Company will support her work as Director of the Museum's Center for Cultural Understanding and Change (CCUC).

The John Nuveen Company has been a longtime supporter of the humanities and education. Two years ago, The Field Museum hosted the Nuveen Forum and Alaka directed a series of conversations among diverse Chicagoans and anthropologists called "Teaching Culture, Cultural Teachings: Conversations About Culture and Identity in America." The forum was sponsored by the John Nuveen Company and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Alaka's own research focuses on how global economic restructuring has impacted the ways in which people organize themselves and establish their social identities. Her research has been primarily in Central and South American hinterlands and in several urban areas in the United States. Alaka is also studying gender roles in New York City's Harlem neighborhood and completing a report for the Centers for Disease Control on some of the factors causing high infant mortality in the African-American community there.

BUSY DAY PLAN¹

Most recent version: October, 1997

PURPOSE

When the Museum has a very large number of visitors, it will be necessary for the Public Service Team to initiate the Busy Day Plan.

This plan is designed to improve our visitors' experience by:

- expediting the admission process;
- insuring our visitor's personal safety
- providing a clean and pleasant environment

The Busy Day Plan will provide our visitors with the uninterrupted continuity of essential service functions during a busy day.

Those essential services include:

- greeting
- cashier
- information desk
- coat Check
- entrance security
- bus slip traffic control
- west lot security
- perimeter check
- public area restroom cleaning
- food service area cleanup
- public area trash removal
- litter control (interior and exterior)
- public area spill cleanup
- meeting set-ups

DEFINITIONS

A **BUSY DAY** is any day when more than 1,000 visitors have come into the Museum by 10:30 a.m.

Busy Days include:

- spring break week,
- Memorial Day weekend,
- Independence Day weekend,
- Labor Day weekend,
- Thanksgiving weekend,
- Christmas week,
- any three day weekend, and
- opening and closing weekends of a major special exhibit.

Whenever a Busy Day is anticipated, the Public Services departments will plan accordingly the staffing for that day and coordinate activities for any set-ups or special events.

The manager of Volunteer Services will schedule as many Busy Day volunteers as possible for anticipated Busy Days.

A **BUSY DAY WATCH** is a notice to the Public Services team and the manager of Volunteer Services that a Busy Day is expected.

During a Busy Day Watch, team members should plan their work accordingly and be on alert for the possibility of a Busy Day Warning.

A **BUSY DAY WARNING** is the implementation of operational changes among the Public Services team and the manager of Volunteer Services that will expedite service to our visitors on a Busy Day.

During a Busy Day Warning, designated Public Services team members (see "Operations" below) should immediately proceed to their Busy Day duties.

During a Busy Day Warning all other team members should continue routine duties unless reassigned by the Visitors Services supervisor.

INITIATION

A **BUSY DAY WATCH** will be declared by a consensus of the lead supervisors for the Public Services departments (Security, Visitor Services, Audio Visual and Housekeeping.) This decision will normally be taken immediately before the 8:45 a.m. "Morning Conversation" held for Public Services team members in the Public Services lounge.

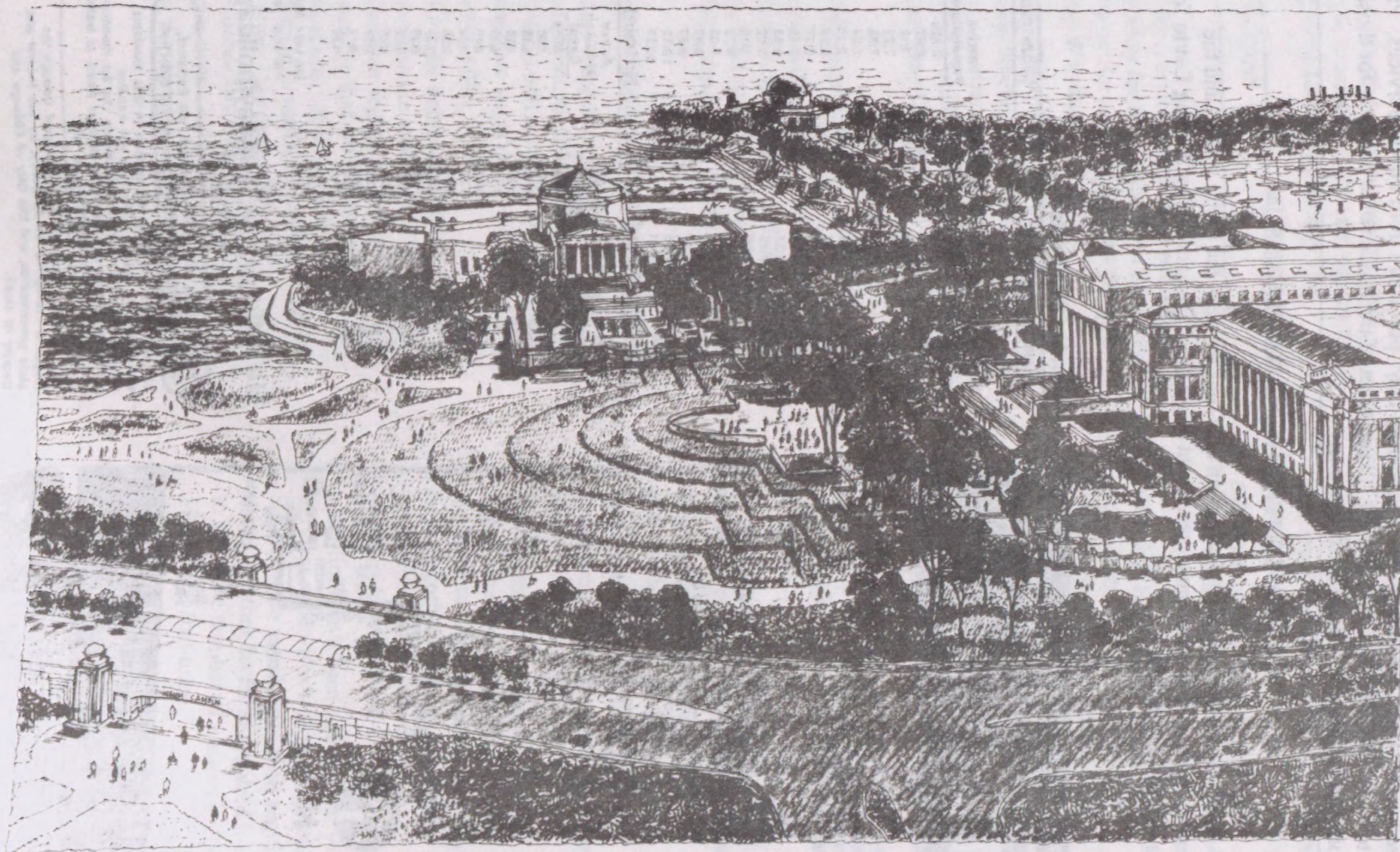
1. Team members will be notified in the "Morning Conversation" that the Public Service Departments will be operating under a Busy Day Watch.
2. The Visitor Services supervisor will notify the director of Public Services.
3. The Visitor Services supervisor will notify the manager of Volunteer

Services.

4. Immediately after the morning conversation the Security Console will be notified that the Public Services departments have declared a Busy Day Watch.
5. The Security Console will then immediately broadcast on the Public Services radio frequency that the Public Services departments have declared a Busy Day Watch.

A **BUSY DAY WARNING** will be declared by the Visitor Service supervisor. This will normally be done after a Busy Day Watch has been declared, but may occur without such prior notice.

1. In order to initiate a Busy Day Warning, the Visitor Services supervisor will contact the lead supervisor or manager of each of the other Public Services departments to confirm that the Museum is going to a Busy Day Warning.
2. The Visitor Services supervisor will notify the director of Public Services.
3. The Visitor Services supervisor will notify the manager of Volunteer Services.
4. The Visitor Services supervisor will contact the Security Console and tell them that they are declaring a Busy Day Warning.
5. The Security Console will immediately broadcast on the Public Service radio frequency that Public Services has declared a Busy Day Warning.



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For the Policy Manual

Enclosed in this week's Natural News is the "Busy Day" procedure from Public Services. Please add it to your department's policy manual. (The pocket of the inside cover is handy for those additions not yet listed in the Table of Contents.)

NEW BUS EXTENSION TO FIELD MUSEUM

Below is the schedule for the #127 bus which now runs between the Metra station and the Museum Campus. It's getting more convenient to get here! Thanks to **Fay Hartog Levin** for getting us the information.

Effective October 06, 1997

127 NorthWestern Madison

Metra/UP Chicago Passenger Terminal

Canal 500W

Michigan 100E

Balbo

Columbus Dr.

Field Museum

Adler Planetarium

Soldier Field

McFetridge 1400S

Shedd Aquarium

700S

Washington 100N

Madison 1N

AM from train

PM to train

North

For more information call the RTA Travel Information Center at 836-7000

Open every day of the year from 5AM until 1AM next day.

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Monday thru Friday

East-Southbound

(from train)

Leave Washington Canal	Washington Michigan	Balbo Michigan	Arrive Planetarium
6:20a	6:29a	6:35a	6:42a
6:35	6:44	6:50	6:57
6:50	6:59	7:05	7:12
7:05	7:14	7:20	7:27
7:15	7:24	7:31	7:38
7:30	7:40	7:46	7:54
7:45	7:55	8:02	8:10
8:00	8:11	8:18	8:26
8:10	8:21	8:29	8:37
8:18	8:29	8:37	8:45
8:26	8:37	8:45	8:53
8:35	8:46	8:54	9:02
8:45	8:56	9:04	9:12
8:55	9:06	9:14	9:22
9:05	9:16	9:24	9:32
9:20	9:31	9:39	9:47
9:30	9:41	9:49	9:57
9:45	9:56	10:04	10:12
10:00	10:11	10:19	10:27

North-Westbound

(to train)

Leave Planetarium	Balbo Michigan	Arrive Madison Canal
3:30p	3:36p	3:55p
3:40	3:46	4:05
3:50	3:56	4:15
4:00	4:06	4:25
4:10	4:16	4:35
4:19	4:26	4:45
4:29	4:36	4:54
4:39	4:46	5:05
4:49	4:56	5:15
4:59	5:06	5:25
5:09	5:16	5:35
5:19	5:26	5:45
5:31	5:38	5:57
5:45	5:52	6:11
6:00	6:07	6:26

AM Light face
PM bold face

No Saturday or Sunday/holiday service

Para obtener mayor informacion, en Espanol, llame al Centro de Informacion al 312-836-7000

The schedules and other information in this timetable are subject to change. CTA does not assume responsibility for errors in timetables, nor for inconvenience or damage resulting from delayed trains or buses due to weather, traffic conditions, etc.

CTA operating costs are funded in part through the Regional Transportation Authority, by the federal and state governments, and the City of Chicago and County of Cook.

6. The Public Services supervisors will meet to determine additional actions that need to be taken for the Busy Day.

OPERATIONS

The Visitor Services supervisor will assume responsibility for the allocation of resources in the Public Services department during a Busy Day Warning.

Unless the Visitor Services supervisor determines otherwise, the other Public Services department supervisors and the manager of Volunteer Services will take the following Busy Day steps:

➤ ***For volunteers:***

Volunteers will monitor Stanley Field Hall and its parameter to assist visitors in finding exhibits, food service, restrooms, phones, water fountains, stairs, elevators, etc.

➤ ***For all Public Services departments:***

- Unless temporarily reassigned to another department, all Public Services team members will continue to report to their immediate supervisor in their department.
- All Public Services team members will communicate with their immediate supervisor regarding any information or situations that are related to Busy Day operations. If they are temporarily assigned to another supervisor because of Busy Day duties they will communicate with that temporary supervisor.
- All Public Services supervisors will stay

out on the floors with staff.

- All Public Services secretaries will report to the Visitor Services supervisor for assignments.
- All supervisors will coordinate their department's operation and staffing with the Visitor Services supervisor.
- All Public Service employees should make an extra effort to assist with general housekeeping operations by picking up litter and working with visitors to control the spread of food and drink.

➤ ***For Visitor Services:***

- The Visitor Services supervisor will contact and coordinate operations and staffing with the other Public Services supervisors.
- The Visitor Services supervisor will reassign Public Services team members.
- The Visitor Services supervisor will open extra cashier stations.
- The Visitor Services supervisor will position extra greeters at any entrances where long lines have formed.
- The Visitor Services supervisor will assign other Public Services team members to work in coat check, west door and other locations in order to permit the Visitor Services team members to work at the busiest stations.
- After lines have been reduced the Visitor Services supervisor will reassign Public Service team members to their regular duties or other duties as required in order to serve the number of visitors in the Museum at that time.

➤ ***For Security:***

- The Security supervisor will contact and coordinate operations and staffing with the Visitor Services supervisor.
- All officers working the exterior of the building (perimeter check, bike patrol, bus slip, lots and lot relief), and officers assigned to the north and south entrances, will notify the Security supervisor on duty of any crowds of visitors forming around any entrance.
- A Security officer will be placed at the east end of McFetridge on the Museum side across from the Soldier Field lot to direct visitors to the north door and all wheel chairs and strollers to the west door.
- The Security supervisor will assign officers to the south entrance to direct visitors to the north and west doors.
- The Security supervisor will assign Security team members to escort cashiers, get change, and perform drops or pickups.

➤ ***For Housekeeping:***

- The Housekeeping supervisor will contact and coordinate operations and staffing with the Visitor Services supervisor.
- The Housekeeping supervisor will shift team members out of non-public areas to panning and restrooms in public areas.
- The Housekeeping supervisor will initiate (within the Housekeeping department) team cleaning in public areas.
- The Housekeeping Supervisor will call in early all or part of second shift.
- The Housekeeping Supervisor will assist with production as required.

➤ ***For Audio Visual:***

- The AudioVisual supervisor will contact and coordinate operations and staffing with the Visitor Services supervisor.
- The AudioVisual supervisor will shift team members off of non-critical assignments in order to assist in other areas as needed.

CANCELLATION

1. The Visitor Services supervisor will cancel a Busy Day Watch or Busy Day Warning.
2. The Visitor Services supervisor will notify the director of Public Services.
3. The Visitor Services supervisor will contact the lead supervisor or manager of each of the other Public Services departments and the Manager of Volunteer Services to confirm that the Busy Day Watch or Busy Day Warning is being canceled.
4. The Visitor Services supervisor will notify the Security Console that the Public Services department has canceled the Busy Day Watch or the Busy Day Warning.
5. The Security Console will then immediately broadcast that the Public Services department has canceled the Busy Day Watch or Busy Day Warning.
6. All team members will immediately return to their normal assignments.

1. Approved by Diane White, Director of Public Services

NOON BALLOON

The Noon Balloon presentation for **Tuesday, October 7, 1997** was delivered by **Bruce Patterson**, MacArthur Curator, Division of Mammals, Department of Zoology, Field Museum. Bruce discussed the relationships between patterns reflecting the phylogentic history of a group and ecological patterns that may interact to result in biogeographic patterns. He considered these perspectives within differing spatial and temporal contexts to seek underlying historical themes.

The range of spatial contexts extended from those of local populations to metapopulations, landscapes, regions, provinces and global. Temporal contexts extended from recolonizations following controlled local extinctions, to Pleistocene and Tertiary events to geomorphic events such as plate tectonics. Analyses of these variables permitted characterization of the attributes necessary to produce distributions representing highly nested subsets such as a common biogeographic history, similar contemporary environments and distributions ordered along an environmental gradient. Although numerous patterns describing the contemporary distribution of organisms may be well documented, Bruce underscored the need to extend investigations of the historical processes that may have produced such patterns.

The Noon Balloon presentation for **Tuesday, October 14, 1997** was delivered by **Peter Crane**, Vice President, Academic Affairs and Director, A. Watson Armour III, Curator, Department of Geology, Field Museum. Peter provided an overview of changes in the understanding of the evolution of early land plants as detailed in his recent book, co-authored with Paul Kenrick, *The Origin and Diversification of Land Plants*. Cladistic analyses included representatives of all plant groups, fossil as well as extant. Although fossil representation of the earliest bryophytes is slender, all major groups of land plants had diversified by the late Ordovician.

Major changes in diversification involved the acquisition of gas exchange structures, stomata, vascular elements and elaboration of both reproductive and photosynthetic structures. Numerous characters previously considered to have evolved only once were shown to have been independent derivations resulting in convergent morphologies.

EDUCATION

CARNEGIE MUSEUM DOCENTS VISIT FIELD MUSEUM

On September 10, the Education Department Volunteers and **Mary Ann Bloom** hosted thirty-five docents from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh. The group toured **Egypt** with **Frank Yurco** and **Life Over Time** with **Dennis Kinzig**, then had lunch with Education Department volunteers to discuss common issues. Thank you to the Education Department volunteers who helped make this a very insightful and enjoyable visit for the

Carnegie docents.
Carolyn Beckwith
Irene Brode

Evelyn Gottlieb
Helen Helfgott

Lenore Levit
Jay Savage

Larry Scheff
Herb Weinstein

Dennis Kinzig
George Wolnak

Dear Fielders:

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 1997 United Way Campaign. You are responsible for giving \$12,947.34 which will be used to help build our community. In giving you are raising hopes and helping other people reach their dreams.

Payroll deductions will begin with today's paychecks. If you have questions regarding your donations or deductions please contact either Doris Yelvington (x220) or myself (x378). If you would like to donate and have not yet, we are still accepting pedge forms in the Visitors' Center.

Thank you all for caring and for making this year's successful campaign a rewarding one.

Sincerely yours,

Annie Crawley, United Way Chairperson at The Field Museum

MUSEUM STORE DESPERATELY SEEKING STAFF BOOKS

Have you written a book we should be selling in the museum store? Did we used to carry your book, but now our shelves are bare? We'd like to know about it. We are compiling a (hopefully comprehensive) list of books written by museum staff that would be of interest to the general public. Please forward the following information to **Jill Mandler**, Merchandise Manager for the stores: your name, the book title/s and price, the publisher (a contact name and number would be helpful if you have it) and, if possible, a photocopy of the front cover. Thanks for your help!

A Give-Away! The fossil mammal relocation project currently has a surplus of small squares of 1/4-inch ethafoam. The squares are 1 1/4 inches square. If anyone has a use for small pieces of this conservation grade material, please call **Deborah** (x328).

Congratulations! Maori Meeting House volunteer **Lynette Troha's** family restaurant, Troha's Shrimp and Fish House, 4151 West 26th, has won the *New City* newspaper "Best of Chicago" award for Best Fried Shrimp. Congratulations Lynette!

New neighbors: Fitzee's (good BBQ) at 2130 South Indiana (near the new McCormick Place)

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon. Printed on recycled paper. ♻️